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This is the season of the year when those who are not suffering from poverty should be thoughtful as to themselves and possessed of quick sympathy for others less fortunate. Selfishness is a natural, yet detestable vice, which afflicts the vast majority of the human race, and only by extraordinary efforts—the opportunities for which are multiplied at Christmas time—can a decent average of benevolence be maintained. And yet how few people there are in this city who are utterly unable to minister at least a little to the comfort of those who, without help, must suffer hunger and cold and sickness most when the great and jolly world indulges in feasting and merriment. In this city there has been and continues to be a steady endeavor to relieve distress. Open-hearted men and women and children are contributing of their means—limited though they be in many instances—and much good is being done, but there is demand for more money, more food, more fuel, more clothing. Thousands of those who are really unwilling beneficiaries have never until now known the true meaning of the word poverty, but phenomenally-depressed commercial conditions compelled idleness, and idleness speedily bred hunger and a host of attendant discomforts. Such sufferers as these must surely be cared for and in order that none of the known cases of destitution be neglected there must be an increase of liberality. This may mean a little self-denial for some folks, but that will only add to the pleasure of giving and improve the characters of those who exercise the virtue that comes near to being superior to all other virtues. There is no time for discussion; your gift should be immediately available. The Star will acknowledge all subscriptions. Send in money, clothing, food, fuel. Send it at once. Now is the accepted time. Now!

European war-clouds have long since ceased to have a disturbing effect upon the people of the United States and the rumor of war is received as was the cry of "wolf" in the fable, but that there is imminent danger of a great struggle between European powers is certain. No more forcible testimony in support of that conclusion could easily be found than is shown in the well founded belief that the Italian government contemplates issuing a loan of 125,000,000 lire in order that it may provide the fighting forces with arms of the best description. Never was Italy in such financial straits as now and never did the immediate future appear to have less prosperity in store for her. The people are overtaxed—in many localities to the point of rebellious resistance—scandals still beset the administration of public affairs, and it has even been intimated that the monarchy itself is in danger. Yet the government seriously entertains the idea of purchasing a new rifle for the army. That the securities to be depended on shall meet with a warm welcome in the world's financial marts is not possible, and this the Italian financiers well know, but the fact seems to have no hampering effect upon their plans. This would indicate that Germany has given assurance of such support as the bond proposition may need; and when Germany promises to invest such a large sum on such firm security as Italy has to offer (unless she mortgages her navy) it means that the German government has great need of Italian friendship and desires to bespeak Italian co-operation in the apparently inevitable struggle.

The rebuke administered by Secretary Herbert to Commodore Stanton should not hurt the commodore's feelings. In reviewing the case Secretary Herbert says: "The department has never for a moment considered that you were intentionally guilty of wrong in this matter, but only that you committed a grave error of judgment." The trouble is all over, and the situation should be most satisfactory to the administration. Just now Pelto is on top in Brazil, while the officer who offended him by saluting the Brazilian flag hosted by Mello commanded the North American station. Should Pelto be overthrown it will doubtless at once be "convenient"—to quote the Secretary—"for the administration to relinquish command at Rio and exchange places with Commodore Stanton."

A misguided persistence is being displayed in the effort to make the naughty word a feature of statesmanship in this country. Governor Flower's attempt in the line of a big D has been followed by the shape of an orthodox but unseemly language of error Walter. In an endeavor to intimate that he is in favor of fighting for free coinage until states and far-trimmed overcoats become popular in Saticus society, he is blunt, brutal and picturesque only in so far as he is glaringly glib.

Students of that heterogeneous something known as American politics will note with interest that Wayne MacVeagh, a recent convert to democracy, has received the approval of the Senate, while Judge Hornblower, who always was a democrat, continues to be senatorially snubbed.

With the public desiring to know why he ever undertook the job and the queen, in whose interests it was attempted, finding fault with it, the President is justified in indulging in reflections that are not altogether cheerful.

Congress is moving so energetically in the making of new states that soon the only remaining American colonies will be Alaska, Hawaii and the District of Columbia.

Mr. Olney might point with pride to the fact that there is, at all events, nothing to prevent a cordage trust or a trunk trust from going to pieces if it desires to do so.

Never mind, J. I.; there are other islands in the Pacific ocean, and the kind, too, that are free from the insidious throne-destroying encroachments of civilization.

The administration struck a streak of Hoar frost in the Senate.

There is a decided difference of opinion between Mr. Gladstone and Admiral Hornby, of the British navy, as to the relative strength of Great Britain and France as naval powers. The admiral, who not unnaturally desires to see his arm of the service become greater even than it now is, has declared that France is, in many respects, superior to Britannia; that its officers and seamen are at least as good as those who serve Queen Victoria; its ships fully equal to England's best; while its strategic advantages in the Mediterranean are beyond question. Stirred up by the Franco-Russian affection recently displayed, the old admiral says that his beloved nation cannot claim oceanic supremacy until there have been added to the present force battleships, cruisers and torpedo boats that will cost something like \$25,000,000. But Gladstone disagrees with the admiral; for Gladstone disagrees with the admiral; for Gladstone, and in the House of Commons on

Tuesday night made several statements that should reassure the Britons who were afflicted by Hornby. The premier said that in the work of constructing war vessels, Great Britain was so far ahead that it could truthfully be stated that her navy excelled in strength the navies of any two of the other powers; that England's ships were larger and of better material than those that could be sent against them; that Great Britain now possessed in battle ships 557,000 tons of fighting material against the 315,000 tons which France and Russia had. With that information, given out officially, the perturbed people who are liberals will calm themselves, but the conservatives are, of course, going to keep up the excitement in order to worry the government.

The Queen of the Sandwich Islands does not seem disposed to provide testimonials that would materially assist in the establishment of queen restoring as a flourishing American industry.

Possibly Mr. Croker is getting a little comfort out of the reflection that several of the great men of this country are having a great deal of worry on their minds.

After Zella Nicolaus gets through with George Gould she will probably turn her attention, as an actress, to the pocket book of the patient and susceptible public.

Christmas can give the country an appreciable start on the road to comfort and good cheer, but it remains for Congress to complete the undertaking.

Dr. Parkhurst is an example worthy of study and imitation by men whose duty it is to bring to light crime and criminals.

"Boss" Croker's name is now being written in New York with extra size quotation marks to bring out the sarcasm.

It is now guillotine vs. bomb in France.

She is happy.

She is one of those very matter of fact girls.

"How are you getting along with your music?" asked the young man, who was calling on her.

"Well," she answered, "of course it wouldn't be proper for me to compliment myself. But some of the neighbors have told me that they have heard me sing at night for hours listening to my playing."

And she smiled in a self-approving way that was sweet to behold.

Will Have to Omit That.

Quoth Santy: Now, although I own it may seem shocking,

I can't arrange to put a throne in Lili's stocking.

The Objection.

"Wouldn't yer like to be a musician?" asked Plodding Pete.

"I used to think I would," replied Meandering Mike. "But I once heard a man say they was something about strikin' a chord in music, an' I lost all heart for it. It reminded me too much of an ax and a wood pile."

An Unsubstantial Offer.

"I shall not take the throne," exclaimed The Sandwich Island Queen.

"For if I should, I know you'd laugh, and just say 'philopoe!'"

Poor Willie.

"Did you ever notice what shocking shoes Willie Wibbles wears?" said one girl to another.

"Yes, I noticed it last evening. And how much redder his hair looked than usual."

"It was remarkable. Some absent-minded barber must have given him shoes a shampoo, and put russet polish on his head."

A Ready Resource.

"What would Santa Claus do," asked the youngster's uncle, who likes to tease, "if his sleigh should break down while he is on his way, Christmas eve?"

It was a puzzle for a moment. Then the bright boy answered, "I know. He'd just take the bicycle he's going to give me out of his pack and ride that."

Coming.

Ole Santa Claus is comin'; you kin hyere him in de breeze

A hummin' undahneaf 'is breef, an' pickin' on de trees

De sweeties kin' ob music, jes' ter pass de time away

Same as we does, wif de banjo, as we waits fur Christmas day.

Ole Santa Claus is comin'—you kin' feel it in yer hah't

He's waitin' tell de moon man gib de signal foh ter stah't

So yoh wanten min' yoh manners, an' be practicin' yoh smile

So ter see he gits er welcome in de propah soh't o' style.

Scolding the Democrats.

From the New York Times (dom.).

It is pretty nearly time that the democrats of the country should begin to hold their representatives in the House and Senate to account for their lack of familiarity with the details of the Hawaiian question, and to expect of them something like a decent account of themselves in the discussions that the republicans are now making of the subject.

President Cleveland has supplied them with a good message and a good cause to defend. If they know less than the republicans do about the matter, they might advantageously devote some of the holiday recess to recovering lost ground.

Melancholy.

From the Boston Globe.

One of the most melancholy sights in nature is a man trying to buy a Christmas present for a woman. He knows in a vague way that the present must not be a pair of suspenders or a shaving set, but when he comes to particularize the poor man japes into perfect imbecility, and gives his sister the money and tells her to buy the present.

The Persecution of Chappie.

From the Boston Globe.

"The tax on cigarettes," says the Chicago Record, "would be in effect a tax on dudes." Then let the tax on cigarettes be put on without fail.

Brooklyn's Big Doormat.

From the New York World.

Brooklyn is boasting that the largest doormat ever made has just been completed in that city. It is no more than worthy of the streets.

Looking Forward.

From the Pittsburg Dispatch.

Niagara may furnish the power, but Pittsburg will put in the machinery and appliances.

Perilous Among the Millionaires.

From the New York World.

There's no use calling a spade an escape-pade," remarks Russell Sage to George Gould.

So Says Detroit.

From the Detroit Free Press.

Learning the Hawaiian language is a social fad in Washington.

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